



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes March 11, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:10am by President Clem.

Present: Gail, Kay, Lynette, Dave P., Derek, Karen, Kyle, Phil, Lori, Clem, Pete

Secretary report - Motion by Derek (2nd Gail) to accept Minutes from February – passed unanimously, they will be posted.

Treasurer report – Dennis absent – checking account balance \$1823.21

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. - Citizen Science

- The Clark Fork Delta Restoration Project Meeting held Feb 20th was well attended and included 13 Chapter members. Any volunteer can contact Derek for details and to be included on e-mails until website is up and running. All are welcome, there are many opportunities.
- March 19th there will be a fund raiser at Little Olive for the FSPW – a portion of sales will be donated. (the original date was 3/12 – it was postponed a week.)
- April 8th at Eicharts there will be a recognition event for the wolverine project.

Lynette – Public Outreach

- Erin Mader will have a meeting today (3/11) at the WDC for volunteers to assist with 3rd grade school field trips on Thursdays and Fridays in May (see our calendar)- still need help on May 1, 2, 9.

Communication Committee – Lori

- Library program with Shannon Ehlers of MBI scheduled for Saturday 15 March 1:30pm. Set up at 1:00. (this was well attended by the Chapter and Shannon did an excellent job)
- Dave and Clem were interviewed about Master Naturalist program last Friday on KRFY radio show.
- If you need a new name tag please let me know – I can order with new class tags in April.

Training Committee – Karen

- Committee has almost finalized 2014 classes to be held April 8-May 20 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and some Saturdays. We have had positive feedback from instructors. (See attached)
- Ads for the training have been placed with the Co-Op Store paper, Native Plant, Trout Unlimited and FSWP calendar/newsletters. Information will also be put in Sandpoint Online.
- April 29th class will be about Chapter Projects Past and Future – our chapter members will talk about projects we have done and plan to do, the WDC, how we work with IDFG and other organizations. All Board Members are requested to take time to talk at this class.
- Facilitators are needed for some of the classes – duties will be to open the building, greet the instructor and class, help with sign-in and set up, clean up, and lock building.
- Fee for class this year will be \$80/student. Sara Focht sent the textbook binders – Pete brought them to

the WDC today – she will bill us after the class begins. The textbook is also available on our website.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby (absent – sent report by e-mail)

- Will continue to go through materials in back of room for usable items before putting in storage.
- Developing an initial request list for grant – ready by April.
- Need to prepare building for May field trips.
- Beginning on floor plan that will develop as rehab is completed and funds become available. If all goes well, hope to have WDC open with naturalist hosts in July and/or August. Will coordinate a schedule for volunteers 1-2 days a week/weekend from 1-4. Other times would not be advertised but WDC could be open if Mns want to be on duty.

Pete arrived 10:10am – work still ongoing in office, getting a bid today. Tentative schedule for graduation on Friday, May 30th. Work days will begin for season in late April or May.

Gail reminded everyone to log hours – our year ends on April 1st. Pins for certified members will be ordered from Sara and awarded at graduation. Tentative date for Graduation is Friday May 30.

Gail has been in touch with Ken Thacker, a weed specialist, who has agreed to give an opinion on spray for thistle and tansy on WDC grounds. At the least, all the native plants planted last year need to be marked/ribboned to protect them from mowing/spraying.

Some ideas for Grant request: Educational displays, bat detector (compatible with Carrie Hugo)

Next meeting – April 8, 9:00am (then May 13)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum:

We have 12 applicants for training which will begin at the WDC on Tuesday, April 8th, 1:00-5:00pm. Good Job to the Training Committee for putting together this years classes!

Final Master Naturalist 2014 Training - Class Schedule

#	Day/Time	Location	Subjects	Instructors	Facilitator
1 Wk1	04/08/14 1:00-5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Welcome and Introduction to MN Program, outline, requirements, ethics, philosophy, timekeeping, binders, journals, walk WDC grounds, etc.	Clem Yonker, IDMN Pete Gardner, IDFG Lori Getts, IDMN	Clem
2	4/10/14 1:00-5:00pm Thursday	WDC	Ecological Concepts Ecosystem Management	Dr. Dan Leavell, Retired Forest Service	John A.
Wk2	4/15/14	Tuesday	NO CLASS		
3	4/17/14 1:00-5:00pm Thursday	WDC	Ichthyology, aquatic ecology, and Fishery Management	Jim Fredericks, IDFG	Kay
Wk3	4/22/14	Tuesday	NO CLASS		
4	4/24/14 1:00-5:00pm Thursday	WDC	Intro to Local Geology – volcanism, mountain building processes, land forms, major rock groups, etc., Ice Age Floods	Jon Bair, Earth Science Educator	Jan G.
5	4/26/14 9:00-3:30pm Saturday	Field Trip Clark Fork, Hope, etc.	Geology Field Trip All Master Naturalists are invited	Jon Bair, Earth Science Educator	Jan G.
6 Wk4	4/29/14 1:00-5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Master Naturalist Projects, Past And Future, Timekeeping guidelines, etc.	Various MN members	Kay
7	5/1/14 1:00-5:00pm Thursday	Wildlife Ed Center, Fairgrounds	Mammals of North Idaho	Wayne Wakkinen, IDFG	Dave P.
8 Wk5	5/6/14 1:00-5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Forest Ecology and Management Local Forest History	Chris Schnepf, U of I Extension Educator Bill Love, Retired Dept of Lands	Clem Jon
9	5/8/14 1:00-5:00pm Thursday	WDC	Entomology – insects	Dr. Ed Bechinski (Prof. U of I, Moscow)	Jon
10	5/10/14 10:00am- 2:00pm Saturday	WDC	Nature of Naming N Idaho Native Plants – common & rare	Derek Antonelli, IDFG	Derek
11 Wk6	5/13/14 1:00-5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Ornithology – Resident and migratory birds of North Idaho	Carrie Hugo, BLM	Lynette
12	5/15/14 1:00-5:00pm Thursday	WDC / Gold Creek WMA	Wetlands Ecology – Class and field trip combination	Kathy Cousins, IDFG	Derek/ Clem
13 Wk7	5/18/14 9:00-2:00pm Sunday	Local WMA	Field Trip – What's out There? - Closing the Circle All Master Naturalists are invited	Derek Antonelli Jim Derrig	Clem/ Lori
14	05/30/14	WDC	Graduation-and-Announcement-of-Volunteer-Opportunities-Potluck All Master Naturalists are invited	Pete Gardner, IDFG	Clem